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FONMIN BLANCO CABLED OAS SECGEN ORFILA ON JULY 29 TO
PROTEST THE CONVOCATION OF A MEETING OF MINISTERS
WITHOUT GIVING MINISTERS FROM DISTANT COUNTRIES TIME
TO REACH THE MEETING PLACE. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF THE CABLE, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY HERE,
FOLLOWS:
"I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR
EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE OF THE 28TH COMMUNICATING THE CON-
VOCATION OF THE 29TH OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF CON-
SULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY
OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE STARTING ON THE 29TH IN THE
CITY OF SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. IN THIS RESPECT I CANNOT
BUT EXPRESS THE SURPRISE AND ANNOYANCE (DISGUSTO) OF MY GOVERNMENT
FOR THE TERMS OF CONVOCATION WHICH WERE OPPORTUNELY NOTED BY
THE URUGUAYAN DELEGATION IN THE SESSION OF THE PERMANENT
COUNCIL THAT DECIDED ON THEM, AND WHOSE BREVITY IMPEDE,
IN RESPECT TO MY COUNTRY, PARTICIPATION AT THE MINISTERIAL
LEVEL. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF THE MATTER DIS-
CUSSED -- WHICH IN NO WAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS MERE
PROCEDURE OR ROUTINE -- THE NECESSITY OF ASSURING A MEETING
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AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL SEEMS TO BE WITHOUT DOUBT.

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THIS IS FRUSTRATED IN PRACTICE FOR COUNTRIES GEOGRAPHICALLY
MOST DISTANT. THUS, THE POSSIBILITY OF STUDYING THE MATTER
IN THE DEPTH AND AT THE LEVEL ITS CHARACTER DEMANDS IS
WEAKENED. ASSIGNING THE SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION LATERAL
AND HURRIED TREATMENT PREJUDICES THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
ORGANS OF THE SYSTEM AND THEIR PRESTIGE AND PUBLIC IMAGE.
I REGRET THAT THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED ACTUALLY MIGHT IMPEDE
THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTERS, ALL
OF WHICH I ASK BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. THIS CIRCUM-
STANCE, NEVERTHELESS, CANNOT ALTER THE SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE
PARTICIPATION OF MY COUNTRY IN HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS NOR CHANGE
THE FIRM POLICY OF MY GOVERNMENT IN THE SENSE OF FACILITATING
THE FUNCTIONING OF ORGANS OF THE SYSTEM AND THE DISCUS-
SION OF ISSUES, EVEN THOUGH THIS, AS IN THIS CASE, MIGHT
BE INOPPORTUNE AND UNTIMELY. CONSEQUENTLY, I INFORM YOUR
EXCELLENCY THAT THE DELEGATION OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC
OF URUGUAY TO THE 16TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS WILL CONSIST OF AMBASSADOR MATEO MARQUES SERE,
WHO WILL BE ITS CHIEF, AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, COL.
CARLOS PALERMO AND SECRETARY ANTONIO CAMPS. GREETINGS TO
YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. JUAN
CARLOS BLANCO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ORIENTAL
REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY."
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